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# Situation of human rights in Myanmar

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36

## Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

### I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including democracy and human rights groups and all relevant parties, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session as well as to the Human Rights Council on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

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## II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2010-2011

2. The foregoing requests relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3, Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, and subprogramme 4, Supporting the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, of programme 19, Human rights, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1).

## III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. In his report to the General Assembly (A/64/334), the Secretary-General indicated that further efforts had been made to engage the Myanmar authorities, opposition groups and domestic stakeholders, as well as key interested Member States, in support of his good offices mission. This included a second visit by the Secretary-General to Myanmar on 3 and 4 July 2009. In this engagement, the role of the United Nations is to ascertain the positions of all parties and facilitate their efforts to work together through dialogue towards a mutually acceptable process of national reconciliation and democratization. Following the official announcement of the adoption of a new Constitution, the Government of Myanmar has reiterated its commitment to hold multiparty elections in 2010, the fifth step in its seven-step road map. The Secretary-General and his Special Adviser have consistently emphasized that only a credible and inclusive political process based on mutual understanding and compromise by all stakeholders can help to advance the prospects of durable peace, national reconciliation, democracy and respect for human rights in Myanmar.

4. The Secretary-General welcomes the stated commitment of the Government of Myanmar to cooperate with his good offices in the implementation of relevant General Assembly resolutions. In that context, he urges the Government of Myanmar to build on the steps it has taken so far to take meaningful measures with tangible results in response to the concerns, expectations and encouragements of the United Nations and the international community and the specific proposals made by the Secretary-General to the Myanmar leadership as part of the five-point agenda of his good offices, including the release of political prisoners and meaningful dialogue with all relevant stakeholders.

5. The Secretary-General is thus committed to making every effort to support the efforts of the Government and the people of Myanmar towards national reconciliation, the transition to democracy and full respect for human rights as the necessary foundations for long-term stability and prosperity. He welcomes the constructive role played by the neighbours of Myanmar, by the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and by other key interested Member States, including in the context of the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, and encourages the continuation of such efforts.

6. Consistent with the requests contained in operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, the efforts of the Secretary-General would continue in 2010 to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process.

with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including democracy and human rights groups and all relevant parties, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard. The efforts of his good offices would be carried out through his Special Adviser and his team. The progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

## IV. Estimated resource requirements

7. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Adviser for Myanmar, as requested in operative paragraph 30 (a), (b) and (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2010, amount to $1,159,100 net ($1,281,600 gross).

8. These resources would cover the salaries for the Special Adviser and four support staff (2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)); the official travel of the Special Adviser to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America, including United Nations Headquarters; the services of consultants; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Other substantive and administrative support to the Special Adviser would be provided by the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

9. The above requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/64/349/Add.1), and would be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

10. With regard to the request contained in the last part of operative paragraph 30 (a), concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. As to the request contained in operative paragraph 30 (b), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General, in his report on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions (A/64/353), informed the General Assembly that implementation of the activities called for in Council resolution 10/27 (A/64/53, chap. II, sect. A) are considered of a "perennial nature" and as such, provision of an estimated $145,000 to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has been made, under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

11. No additional resources are requested under section 23, Human rights, at this juncture, beyond those reflected above.

## V. Summary

12. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, additional requirements amounting to $1,159,100 net ($1,281,600 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010 for the**

continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar.

13. These requirements would be charged against the provision of $828,928,400 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Approval for these requirements will be sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/64/349/Add.1), currently before the Assembly for consideration at the main part of its sixty-fourth session.